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INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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SUBJ: SOUTH VIETNAM: INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS ASSISTANCE

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF ICRC/LICROSS JOINT PRESS RELEASE  
OF APRIL 23. QUOTE:

SOUTH VIETNAM: INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS ASSISTANCE

GENEVA (ICRC/LEAGUE) - THE DC 6 CHARTERED BY THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS TO TAKE RELIEF SUPPLIES TO THE INDO-CHINESE PENINSULA REACHED HANOI WEDNESDAY MORNING, 23 APRIL, FROM VIENTIANE, LAOS, WITH FOODSTUFFS, MEDICINES AND TENTS.

THE FLIGHT BY THE DC 6, PAINTED IN RED CROSS COLOURS, WAS THE FIRST IN A SERIES PROVIDING FOR THE DIRECT DELIVERY OF RELIEF, ESPECIALLY TO PEOPLE IN SOUTH VIETNAM (PRG). THE DC 6 SHUTTLE FLIGHTS TO HANOI WILL SUPPLEMENT FLIGHTS MADE ON BEHALF OF THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS BY A COMPANY OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC.

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TEMPORARILY BASED AT VIENTIANE, WHERE ALL SUPPLIES FOR THE PRG RED CORSS ARE SENT, THE DC 6 WILL ALSO TAKE ON LOADS AT BANGKOK AND SINGAPORE. IT WILL ALSO CARRY SUPPLIES TO THE RED CROSS OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (SAIGON).

THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS, RESPONDING QUICKLY TO THE PRG REQUEST FOR FOODSTUFFS, HAS ALREADY COMMITTED MORE THAN 6 MILLION SWISS FRANCS TO THIS OPERATION ALONE.

TWO DELEGATES OF THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS, INCLUDING THE HEAD OF THE RELIEF DIVISION OF THE ICRC, HAVE BEEN IN HANOI SINCE 19 APRIL TO WORK OUT WITH THE NORTH VIETNAMESE AND PRG AUTHORITIES THE MOST PRACTICAL MEANS FOR THE DELIVERY OF RELIEF. THEY ARE ALSO INSTRUCTED TO DRAW UP A PRECISE AND DETAILED LIST OF THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE BEING ASSISTED BY THE PRG RED CROSS.

FOR THE PEOPLE ASSISTED BY THE RED CROSS OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (SAIGON), THE THREE-MONTH PLAN DRAWN UP RECENTLY BY A JOINT SURVEY TEAM, INCLUDING A LEAGUE SPECIALIST, HAS ALREADY GONE INTO EFFECT. THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES (HCR) AND UNICEF, AGREED THAT THIS PLAN, AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF 30 MILLION SWISS FRANCS, CORRESPONDED AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE TO THE PRESENTLY KNOWN NEEDS. THE THREE INSTITUTIONS AGREED TO POOL THEIR SUPPLIES AND RESOURCES AND TO DELIVER RELIEF THROUGH THE RED CROSS OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (SAIGON).

BOTH IN GENEVA AND NEW YROK, THE INTERNATIONAL RED CORSS, THE HCR AND UNICEF WILL BE IN CONSTANT TOUCH TO ADAPT THE RELIEF ACTIVITIES TO CHANGING NEEDS.

AS A RESULT OF APPEALS LAUNCHED BY THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS ON 25 MARCH AND 3 APRIL, ASKING FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TOTALING 35 MILLION DOLLARS (ABOUT 88 MILLION SWISS FRANCS), SOME 36 MILLION FRANCS HAS ALREADY BEEN PLEDGED BY THE NATIONAL SOCIETIES AND GOVERNMENTS OF 25 COUNTRIES. APPROXIMATELY 10 MILLION FRANCS HAS UNCLASSIFIED

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BEEN RECEIVED, WHEREAS THE COMMITMENTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS ALREADY EXCEED 15 MILLIONS. DONATIONS IN KIND, ANNOUNCED OR ALREADY SENT BY VARIOUS NATIONAL RED CROSS SOCIETIES, AMOUNT IN VALUE TO MORE THAN 2 MILLION FRANCS. UNQUOTE.

QUOTE. LE SERVICE DE PRESSE DU "BUREAU INDOCHINE"  
VOUS COMMUNIQUE CI-APRAS DES INFORMATIONS DE DETAIL QUI

COMPLETENT LE COMMUNIQUE CONJOINT CICR/LIGUE DIFFUSE  
CE JOUR:

LES 500,000 PERSONNES ASSISTEES PAR LA CROIX-ROUGE  
DE LA REPUBLIQUE DU VIETNAM (SAIGON) SE REPARTISSENT  
EN PLUSIEURS DIZAINES DE CAMPS, ETABLIS DANS LES  
PROVINCES ENTOURANT SAIGON, AINSI QUE SUR L'ILE DE  
PHU-QUOC. LE PLAN D'ASSISTANCE DE TROIS MOIS ETABLI  
PAR L'EQUIPE D'EVALUATION DE LA CROIX-ROUGE INTER-  
NATIONALE PREVOIT

A. UNE DISTRIBUTION UNIQUE A CHACUNE DES 100,000  
FAMILLES DE: MOUSTIQUAIRES, NATTES, USTENSILES DE  
CUISINE, MATERIEL POUR LA CONSTRUCTION D'ABRIS

B. UNE DISTRIBUTION MENSUELLE A CHAQUE FAMILLE  
DE 60 KG DE RIZ, 10 BOITES DE LAIT CONDENSE, 5 KG DE  
POISSON SALE, 20 BOITES DE POISSON OU DE VIANDE,  
4 LITRES DE SAUCE.

LE COUT DE CES FOURNITURES, DE L'ASSISTANCE MEDICALE  
DANS LES CAMPS ET LES FRAIS OPERATIONNELS SONT DEVISES  
A 30 MILLIONS DE FRANCS SUISSES EN CHIFFRES RONDS  
(L'APPEL DE FONDS DES 25 MARS ET 3 AVRIL PORTAIT SUR  
35 MILLIONS DE DOLLARS, SOIT ENVIRON 88 MILLIONS DE  
FRANCS SUISSES).

DU 1ER AU 19 AVRIL, LA CROIX-ROUGE DE LA REPUBLIQUE DU  
VIETNAM (SAIGON) A ORGANISE 210 CONVOIS DE DISTRIBUTION  
A DESTINATION D'UNE QUINZAINE DE CENTRES DE REGROUPEMENT,  
ABRITANT PLUS DE 350,000 PERSONNES DEPLACEES.

LE JOUR LE PLUS ACTIF A ETE LE 19 AVRIL, OU 21 CAMIONS  
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ONT TRANSPORTE PLUS DE 150 TONNES DE RIZ, 30,000  
CONSERVES DE POISSON ET 33,000 CONSERVES DE VIANDE,  
QUI ONT ETE DISTRIBUEES A 15,000 FAMILLES.

L'AGENCE DE RECHERCHES DE LA CROIX-ROUGE DE SAIGON  
RECOIT ACTUELLEMENT ENTRE 300 ET 500 DEMANDES D'ENQUETES  
PAR JOUR CONCERNANT DES PERSONNES DISPARUES. LE  
SPECIALISTE DE L'AGENCE CENTRALE DE RECHERCHES DU  
CICR ENVOYE EN MISSION D'EVALUATION ESTIME QUE DANS  
LA SEULE REPUBLIQUE DU VIETNAM (SAIGON) ENVIRON  
100,000 FAMILLES SONT SANS NOUVELLES DE L'UN DES  
LEURS. UNQUOTE  
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